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FOR: **DIRECT DETECTION OF BACTERIA-ANTIBODY
COMPLEXES VIA UV RESONANCE RAMAN
SPECTROSCOPY**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

IN THE APPLICATION:

Insert the enclosed Abstract as the last page of the application. ✓

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel the following claims: ✓

Cancel claims 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8. ✓

Amend the following claims: ✓

Claim 2, line 1, cancel "7" and insert therefor -- 9 --. ✓

Add the following new claims:

- 1 9. A method for the detecting the presence of a specific microorganism in a
- 2 sample, said microorganism having a characteristic resonance enhanced Raman backscattered